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RE: SENT DEPARTMENT POLTO 2033, REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON
BONN POLTO 341, MOSCOW POLTO 110, ROME POLTO 139.

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WE ARE THE GREATLY CONCERNED AT CUMULATIVE EFFECTS OF
PRESS STATEMENTS AND SPLIT IN AMERICAN POSITION ON FRANCE
AND GERMANY AND SPLIT BETWEEN ALLIES. IN ADDITION TO
ALSOFT'S AND JOURNALIST ARTICLES REFERRED TO IN MAC VEN YESTERDAY
(109) 19 2027, THE MORNING HERALD TRIBUNE CARRIED
MARGUERITE HEYER STORY DATED WASHINGTON TO EFFECT
GER UNDER PRESSURE FROM UNITED STATES NOW STUDYING HOW
SOVIET EAST AND WEST CONFEDERATION COULD BE SAFEGUARDED
SUFFICIENTLY TO BE ADOPTED BY WEST. TRIBUNE ALSO CARRIED
DON COOK'S STORY FROM LONDON, AIRING AT GREAT LENGTH
ALLEGED UNITED STATES-UNITED KINGDOM SPLIT ON CONTINGENCY
PLANS.

THINK THAT PERTURBATION OF LINE THAT NO FINAL DECISION
HAVE BEEN TAKEN IS BEST WE CAN DO WITH RESPECT TO
PUBLIC STATEMENT. HOWEVER, WE WONDER WHETHER
OUR OVERALL INTERESTS MIGHT NOT BE SERVED BY TAKING
OUR NATO ALLIES CONFIDENTIALLY INTO OUR TENTATIVE
THINKING AT THIS TIME. PERHAPS THIS IS ALREADY BEING
DONE IN WASHINGTON OR ELSEWHERE WITH UNITED KINGDOM,
FRANCE AND GERMANY. BUT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE TENDENCY
TOWARD DOUBLE FACILITATION ON PART OF THOSE MEMBERS
OF NATO WHO ARE NOT IN CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH WASHINGTON
ON THIS SUBJECT. AS SPEAK EMPHASIZED YESTERDAY, WE THINK
IT IMPORTANT THAT THESE SMALLER GOVERNMENTS BE PROVIDED
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WITH SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ON ANY EMERGING IDEAS
TO ENABLE THEM TO HANDLE THEIR PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC
INQUIRIES.

REALIZE THIS IS DIFFICULT PROBLEM AT THIS STAGE, BUT
SUGGEST IT MAY BE DESIRABLE, IF DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE
NECESSARY MATERIAL, TO COORDINATE WITH BRITISH, FRENCH
AND GERMANS AND ARRANGE FOR EARLY SPECIAL NAC MEETING,
AT WHICH WE MIGHT REINFORCE STATEMENT THAT NO FINAL DECISION
HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY FRANK STATEMENT OF SOME OF THE
POSSIBILITIES, TOGETHER WITH PRO'S AND CON'S, WHICH ARE
UNDER CONSIDERATION. ALTERNATIVELY, SUGGEST THIS BE DONE
AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE WITH NATO AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON
WITH AUTHORITY TO US TO BRING SPAAK INTO PICTURE.

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